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SUBJECT: POLISH REACTION TO CHILE COUP

1. POLISH PRESS AND OFFICIAL REACTION, WHILE PROFOUND, HAS SO FAR AVOIDED LINKING USG OR AMERICAN BUSINESS TO THE COUP ITSELF. A PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE STATEMENT READ ON REGULAR TELEVISION NEWS BROADCASTS SEPTEMBER 13 AND PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING DAY IN THE CENTRAL PRESS CONDEMNS THE "BLOODY COUP" OF CHILEAN REACTIONARY FORCES. ECHOING A CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE STATEMENT, ALSO CARRIED IN THE WARSAW PRESS, THE PZPR STATEMENT EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY WITH PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN CHILE. ALTHOUGH THE STATEMENT CLAIMS ALLENDE WAS MURDERED, ITS ONLY ALLEGATION CONCERNING OUTSIDE INTERVENTION IS A REFERENCE TO "INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLIES" THAT HAD LONG AIDED REACTIONARY FORCES IN THEIR AIM OF OVERTHROWING ALLENDE. WHEREAS INITIAL EDITORIAL COMMENT SEPTEMBER 13 HAD SUGGESTED THAT ALLENDE'S REFORMS MIGHT SOMEHOW REMAIN, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE STATEMENT ASSERTS THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE COUP WILL LEAD TO CANCELLATION OF SUCH OF ALLENDE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE

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STRUGGLE WITH INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLIES FOR POLITICAL

AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.

2. CHRONICLING ALLENDE'S 1044 DAYS, A POLISH PRESS AGENCY EDITORIAL APPEARING IN TRYBUNA LUDU SEPTEMBER 14, REFERS TO HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE "DOMINATION OF AMERICAN MONOPOLIES", AND SPECIFICALLY CITES HIS NATIONALIZATION OF ANACONDA, KENNECOTT, AND CERRO CORPORATION. HOWEVER, IT MAKES NO MENTION OF ITT AND DOES NOT ALLEGE ANY AMERICAN BUSINESS OR GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN CHILEAN AFFAIRS.

3. ADDITIONALLY, PROTEST MEETINGS WERE CONDUCTED AT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY. PRESS REPORTS OF THESE MEETINGS STRESS THEIR EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY WITH CHILEAN PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND THEIR CONDEMNATION OF THE BRUTAL OVERTHROW OF THE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED ALLENDE REGIME.

4. SEPTEMBER 14 ZYCIE WARSZAWY CARRIES AS A BRIEF NEWS STORY AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHILEAN EMBASSY DIRECTED TO THE "POLISH SOCIETY AND AUTHORITIES AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS" ANNOUNCING THE CANCELLATION OF ALL FESTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH CHILE'S NATIONAL DAY ON SEPTEMBER 18. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HEARD THAT CHILEAN AMBASSADOR RICARDO TARUD DACCARETT HAS RELEASED ALL OF HIS POLISH OFFICIAL AND DOMESTIC EMPLOYEES BECAUSE OF HIS UNCERTAINTY ABOUT BEING ABLE TO CONTINUE PAYING THEM. TARUD'S UNCERTAINTY ABOUT HIS FUTURE APPEARS JUSTIFIED IN VIEW OF HIS EARLIER STATEMENTS TO THE EMBASSY THAT HE IS NOT A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT BUT WAS APPOINTED BY ALLENDE BECAUSE HE AND HIS FATHER WERE ACTIVE IN ALLENDE'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER, TARUD, WHO IS IN HIS EARLY 30'S, HAS IMPRESSED US AS NOT BEING OBVIOUSLY OR OUTSPOKENLY MARXIST OR EVEN VERY MUCH OF A POLITICAL ANIMAL.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE THE VEHEMENCE OF OFFICIAL AND QUASI-OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE COUP IN CHILE, WE SEE NO ATTEMPT SO FAR TO BLAME THE US DIRECTLY OR TO ALLEGE ANY KIND OF US INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP ITSELF.

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